

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A communication terminal unit comprising:
 - a display unit;
 - a display control unit for ~~displaying~~screen-displaying the predetermined information on said display unit;
 - a communication unit for transmitting/receiving information to/from an information center; and
 - a connection control unit for controlling a connection state of said communication unit with ~~an~~said information center;

wherein said communication terminal unit acquires the information from said information center by connecting via said communication unit to said information center, and

wherein said connection control unit starts a connection to said information center when ~~the display~~a display-screen on said display unit transfers to ~~the~~a predetermined ~~display contents~~screen under the control of said display control unit, and

wherein the predetermined screen is a screen at a stage before transferring to displaying an input screen for inputting data to be transmitted to said information center.

Claim 2 (canceled).

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appl. No. 10/657,100

3. (currently amended): The communication terminal unit according to claim 1, wherein when the display-screen on said display unit transfers to ~~the display contents~~ a screen for entering ~~the~~ a kind of said data transmitted via said communication unit to said information center under the control of said display control unit, the connection control unit starts a connection to said information center ~~is started~~.

4. (currently amended): A connection control method for use with a communication terminal unit comprising a display unit, a display control unit for ~~displaying screen displaying the~~ predetermined information on said display unit, a communication ~~unit,~~ unit for transmitting/receiving information to/from an information center; and a connection control unit for controlling a connection state of said communication unit with ~~an~~ said information center, in which said communication terminal unit acquires the information from said information center by connecting via said communication unit to said information center; the method comprising:

detecting that ~~the display~~ a display-screen on said display unit transfers to ~~the~~ a predetermined ~~display screen contents~~ under the control of said display control unit; and

starting a connection to said information center when ~~the display~~ the display-screen on said display unit transfers to the predetermined ~~display contents~~ screen.

5. (currently amended): A computer program for causing a computer to function as a communication terminal unit comprising:

a display unit;

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appl. No. 10/657,100

a display control unit for ~~displaying~~screen-displaying the predetermined information on said display unit;

a communication ~~unit~~unit for transmitting/receiving information to/from an information center; and

a connection control unit for controlling a connection state of said communication unit with ~~an~~said information center;

wherein said communication terminal unit acquires the information from said information center by connecting via said communication unit to said information center, ~~and~~

wherein said connection control unit starts a connection to said information center when ~~the display~~a display-screen on said display unit transfers to ~~the~~a predetermined ~~display content~~screen under the control of said display control unit, and

wherein the predetermined screen is a screen at a stage before transferring to displaying an input screen for inputting data to be transmitted to said information center.

6. (new): A communication terminal, comprising:

a communication circuit that transmits information to an information center and that receives information from the information center, wherein the information center is remote from the communication terminal; and

a controller that, in response to a predetermined event, instructs the communication circuit to begin to establish a communication line with the information center to create a communication session between the communication terminal and the information center,

wherein the predetermined event occurs before a user instructs the controller to instruct the communication circuit to transmit initial data to the information center, and

wherein the communication unit transmits the initial data to the information center before the communication unit transmits any other data to the information center in response to a user instruction during the communication session.

7. (new): The communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:
a display, wherein the predetermined event comprises displaying a predetermined screen on the display.

8. (new): The communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:
an user input unit, wherein the predetermined event comprises the user inputting a predetermined command via the user input unit.

9. (new): The communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, further comprising:
an key input unit, wherein the predetermined event comprises the user activating a predetermined button on the key input unit.

10. (new): The communication terminal as claimed in claim 6, wherein the initial data comprises a request that requests information from the information center.